

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-12-02

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday,
June 11, 2002

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2002

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., December
31, 2002, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-07-02 issued at Kodiak on June 7, 2002. This emergency order closes all freshwaters of the Afognak River drainage and those saltwaters of Afognak Bay west of the longitude of Cape Kazakof, and north of the latitude of Afognak Point to sport fishing for sockeye salmon. This emergency order is in effect from June 13 through December 31, 2002.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(c) (3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, SIZE LIMITS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE FRESH AND SALT WATERS OF THE KODIAK AREA.

5 AAC 64.022 (3) sport fishing for sockeye salmon is closed from 12:01 am, June 13, 2002, through 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2002, in all freshwaters of the Afognak River drainage and in those saltwaters of Afognak Bay west of Cape Kazakof, at approximately 152° 37.60' W longitude, and north of the latitude of Afognak Point, at approximately 57° 59.40' N latitude.

Frank Rue,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Donn Tracy,
Kodiak Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Sockeye salmon weir counts continue to indicate that a minimum escapement into the Afognak River drainage will not be achieved for the second consecutive year. As of June 10, approximately 2,600 sockeye salmon have migrated upstream past the Litnik weir counting station, while the desired escapement for this date should range between 11,000 and 16,000 fish. Consequently, it is not expected that the lower end of the total escapement goal range of 40,000 to 60,000 fish will be achieved. In order to increase sockeye salmon escapement into the Afognak River drainage, the sport fishery for sockeye salmon will be closed, effective 12:01 am, Thursday, June 13, through 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2002. The closed area will include the freshwaters of the Afognak River drainage as well as those saltwaters in Afognak Bay west of Cape Kazakof and north of the latitude of Afognak Point.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Headquarters Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518 (Tel. 907-267-2218); Kodiak Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division, 211 Mission Road, Kodiak, AK 99615 (Tel. 907-486-1880); and the Kodiak Area Office of the Alaska Department of Public Safety, Fish and Wildlife Protection Division, 211 Bartel Avenue, Kodiak, AK 99615 (Tel. 907-486-4761).